

HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE PRECINCT
ANNUAL MEETING
March 28, 2008

Richard Reniere, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Reniere led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Skip Windemiller gave the invocation. Mr. Reniere asked for a moment of silence honoring residents who passed away during the past year.

Mr. Reniere introduced those at the head table:

John Gebhart, Treasurer
Chuck Rage, Precinct Commissioner
Maureen Buckley, Precinct Commissioner
Sharon Summer, Precinct Counsel
Gary Kubik, Precinct Commissioner
Joan Rice, Precinct Secretary

Mr. Reniere recognized the following in the audience:

Nancy Stiles, State Representative
Mary-Louise Woolsey, Chairman, Hampton Budget Committee
Fred Rice, Chairman, Hampton Beach Commission
Rick Griffin, Selectman
Dick Nichols, Selectman
Michael Pierce, Hampton Budget Committee
Brian Warburton, Seacoast Parks Manager

Mr. Reniere explained the rules of the meeting. Mr. Reniere asked if there were any objections to allowing non-residents to speak. There were no objections.

The following warrant articles were considered:

Article II

To see if the District will vote to accept the budget as submitted by the Budget Committee, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$550,335 for District purposes in addition to any amounts that may be approved for special articles.

Moved by Mr. Andy Guthrie, seconded by Mr. Windemiller, to approve Article II.

Mr. Windemiller asked about the \$8,000 for the playground. Mr. Rage said that some items need repair and that entire amount probably would not be spent.

Moved by Mr. Windemiller to amend #4199.00 Other General Government by eliminating \$82,500 for the bond payment, making the total \$96,035.

Mr. Windemiller said there are still encumbered funds to pay for that. There is no need for it to go in the budget. Mr. John Kane said the money is there to make the beach look better. It should be used to install the lighting next year. Mr. Windemiller said it would be illegal to use this encumbered money for the lights. Ms. Woolsey said that Mr. Windemiller was correct. Attorney Summers said the bond was for the conduit and infrastructure. Mr. Griffin said the encumbered funds are for the bond payment and nothing different should be done. Mr. Windemiller said that before the lighting can be done a warrant must go before the people.

Kevin Sullivan seconded the amendment.

Vote: 19 yes, 0 no. Amendment passed.

Moved by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Bill Cassen to approve the new amount of \$96,035 for #4199.00 Other General Government.

Mr. Ed McDonald asked if the Town could provide some of the services contained in General Government such as the Town Counsel. Mr. Rage said that could not be done because it could be a conflict of interest. The Precinct is a separate taxing district.

Vote: Motion passed.

Moved by Maureen Buckley, seconded by Mr. Guthrie, to approve the amount of \$371,800 for Culture and Recreation.

Mr. McDonald asked what the \$7,000 to the Chamber of Commerce was for. Don Noel, Chamber of Commerce, replied that the Chamber produces visitors' guides, their office is open seven days a week to greet the public and answer phones. They also send out various mailings. The Chamber cannot sell anything, so has no income. Their biggest contribution is the Seafood Festival.

Vote: The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mr. Reniere said the new bottom line for the 2008 Budget was now \$467,835 and asked for a vote of approval.

Vote: The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Article III

(As Petitioned) On petition of June White and ten or more legal voters, to see if the Hampton Beach Precinct will vote to have the Precinct Commission assume the responsibilities of planning and development for the Hampton Beach Precinct. This act will take effect upon its passage. The current Town of Hampton Planning regulations to be adopted until the Precinct develops its own guidelines.

Moved by Mr. Guthrie, seconded by Kathy Keer, to approve Article III.

June White said that planning at the beach isn't the same as with the Town. If planning is brought to the beach a better job can be done.

Mr. Reniere said that a legal determination was necessary for this article. He read a letter from Precinct Counsel saying it was her opinion Articles III and IV could be voted on at this meeting to get "a sense of the meeting" only. This would then have to be pursued through the legislature next year. Counsel also said to consider that five members would be necessary for both the planning board and the zoning board.

Moved by Mr. Guthrie, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to table Article III.

Vote: The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Article IV

(As Petitioned) On petition of June White and ten or more legal voters, to see if the Precinct will vote to return the responsibilities of zoning for the Hampton Beach Precinct, to the Precinct Commission. The Commission will develop building and zoning code language and design review guidelines to ensure consistent building and development standards within the Precinct. This act shall take effect upon its passage. The current Town of Hampton's code will be adopted until the Precinct develops its own code and guidelines.

Moved by Mr. Guthrie, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to approve Article IV.

Mr. Reniere said that legal counsel had advised similarly on this article as on Article III. Attorney Summer suggested that Articles III and IV be tabled and a resolution proposed under Article VI.

Moved by Mr. Guthrie, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to table Article IV.

Vote: The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Article V

On petition of June White and ten or more legal voters, to see if the Hampton Beach Precinct will vote to ban the parking of work trucks and vans on residential streets at the beach from May 15th to October 15th beginning in 2008.

Mr. Reniere said that legal counsel was also sought on this Article. The Precinct has no authority to regulate parking. This can be decided by the Town of Hampton only. Mr. Reniere said a resolution can be made, but it would not be legally binding.

Moved by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Guthrie to table Article V.

Vote: The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Election Results

Mr. Reniere then announced the results of the election. They are as follows:

Commissioner (3 years)	June White
Moderator (1 year)	Rich Reniere
Clerk (1 year)	Linda Gebhart
Supervisor of the Checklist (3 years)	Mary Durant
Treasurer (1 year)	John Gebhart

Article VI

Other Business

Moved by Mr. Guthrie, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, that the Precinct resolves to seek legal authority to adopt the zoning ordinance.

Attorney Summer said that there is a need to study how the Town and Precinct intersect. There are not many village districts who have their own planning and zoning boards.

Commissioner Rage said he felt the answer was to work more closely with the Town.

Mr. Warburton pointed out that the majority of zoning board members are from the beach.

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Vote: Resolution failed.

The fire station was then discussed. Mr. Windemiller said the Precinct has always said the Town could keep the fire station in its present location if they stay in the same footprint.

Ms. Woolsey said she had really wanted to see the bond issue passed for the Winnacunnet fire station. She said everyone has to work together to enlarge the station on Winnacunnet Road and to do something at the beach. The firemen need to be provided with what they need.

Mr. Cassen said safety is a main factor. Perhaps some parking spaces at the beach will be lost, but everyone should be able to compromise.

Mr. Nichols said that if everyone works together there is a chance of coming up with something that the public will buy.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary